GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

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ASSISTANCE FOR IMPROVEMENT IN WATER SUPPLY FOR GUWAHATI
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Assam has sought aid from the Union Government and the World Bank to improve water supplyin Guwahati;

(b) if so, the details of the projects, nature and the extent of aid sought; and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKR)

(a)to(c): Government of Assam has sought assistance of the World Bank, Water and Sanitation Programme for South Asia (WSP-SA) to explore strategic options available for improving water supply and sanitation for Guwahati city, as well as institutional and technical aspects of the water and sanitation metwork. The proposal has been accepted `in principle` from technical angle by the Central Public Health & Environmental Engineering Organisation (CPHEEO) and has been recommended by the Ministry to Department of Economic Affairs on 17.4.03 for posing to the World Bank, Water and Sanitation Programme for South Asia (WSP-SA).

Government of Assam had also submitted a project proposal entitled `Greater Guwahati Water Supply Scheme` at an estimated cost of Rs.399.48 crore received in this Ministry through Deptt. ofEconomic Affairs for exploring the possibility of external assistance from Japan Bank for International cooperation. Technical comments on the project proposal have been communicated by the Central Public Health & Environmental Engineering Organisations (CPHEEO) to the Assam Urban Water Supply & Sewerage Board in November, 2002 for revision of the proposal. Revised proposal is awaited from the Assam Urban Water Supply and Sewerage Board.